

## AMENDMENTS

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A tire hanger for use with a vehicle hoist, the vehicle hoist including a horizontal support member, the tire hanging device comprising:

an elongated strip of material having a first end, a second end, and a middle section, the first end suitably bent and arranged to engage to the horizontal support member; the second end bent and arranged to engage a tire; and, the middle section disposed between the first end and the second end and of suitable length to ~~hold~~ engage an axel hole of a tire in an approximately vertical orientation.

2. (New) The tire hanger of Claim 1, wherein the hook holds the vehicle tire at approximately the same height as the axel of the vehicle.
3. (New) The tire hanger of Claim 1, wherein the first end is substantially U-shaped to extend around and secure the tire hanger in place to the horizontal member and the middle section is elongated to extend the hook from the horizontal member.
4. (New) A tire hanger for use with a vehicle hoist, the vehicle hoist including a horizontal support member, the tire hanger comprising:

an elongated strip of material having a first end, a second end, and a middle section having a pivotable joint, the first end suitably bent and arranged to engage to the horizontal support member; the second end bent and arranged to engage an



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axel hole of a wheel; and, the middle section disposed between the first end and the second end and of suitable length to hold a tire in an approximately vertical orientation.

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5. (New) The tire hanger of Claim 4, wherein the pivotable joint includes a bearing assembly, a pin, and a locking device.
  6. (New) The tire hanger of Claim 5, wherein the locking device is frictional.
  7. (New) A tire hanger for use with a vehicle hoist, the vehicle hoist including a horizontal support member, the tire hanger comprising:

an elongated strip of material having a first end, a second end, and a middle section having a pivotable joint, the first end suitably bent and arranged to engage to the horizontal support member; the second end bent and arranged to engage an axel hole of a wheel; and, the middle section disposed between the first end and the second end and of suitable length to hold a tire in an approximately vertical orientation.

8. (New) The tire hanger of Claim 7, wherein the pivotable joint is rotatable about an axis and includes a bearing assembly, a pin, and a frictional locking device to position and hold the wheel in a variety of locations relative to the hoist and vehicle.
9. (New) The tire hanger of Claim 8, wherein the pivotable joint is rotated with a wrap hinge.
10. (New) A tire hanger for use with a vehicle hoist, the vehicle hoist including a horizontal support member, the tire hanger comprising:

an elongated strip of material having a first end, a second end, and a middle section having a pivotable joint rotatable about a single or multiple axes, the first



end suitably bent and arranged to engage to the horizontal support member; the second end bent and arranged to engage an axel hole of a wheel; and, the middle section disposed between the first end and the second end and of suitable length to hold a tire in an approximately vertical orientation in a variety of locations relative to the hoist and vehicle.

11. (New) The tire hanger of Claim 10, wherein the pivotable joint includes a bearing assembly, a pin, and a frictional locking device.

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12. (New) A method to use a tire hanger with a vehicle hoist to support a vehicle tire, the vehicle hoist including a horizontal support member, the tire hanger having a first end and a second end with a hook, the method comprising:

engaging the first end configured to attach with the horizontal member to the horizontal member whereby the hook is disposed upwards;  
moving the tire hanger along the horizontal member until the hook is adjacent to the mounted tire;  
removing the mounted tire from the vehicle, and  
positioning the tire to engage the hook through the axel hole of the tire to hold the tire.

13. (New) The method of Claim 12, wherein the first end is substantially U-shaped to extend around and secure the tire hanger in place to the horizontal member and the hook is substantially the same height as the axel of the vehicle.

14. (New) The method of Claim 12, wherein the tire hanger has an elongated middle section to extend the position of the hook from the horizontal member.



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15. (New) A method to use a tire hanger with a vehicle hoist to support a vehicle tire, the vehicle hoist including a horizontal support member, the tire hanger having a first end, a middle section with a pivotable joint, and a second end with a hook, the method comprising:

engaging the first end configured to attach with the horizontal member to the horizontal member;

pivoting the middle section until the hook is disposed upwards;

securing the middle section;

moving the tire hanger along the horizontal member until the hook is adjacent to the mounted tire;

removing the mounted tire from the vehicle, and

positioning the tire to engage the hook through the axel hole of the tire to hold the tire.

16. (New) The method of Claim 15, wherein the first end is substantially U-shaped to extend around and secure the tire hanger in place to the horizontal member and the hook is substantially the same height as the axel of the vehicle.

17. (New) The method of Claim 15, wherein the pivotable joint is rotatable about a single axis or multiple axes to position the tire in a variety of locations relative to the hoist and vehicle and is secured using a bearing assembly, a pin, and a frictional locking device.

18. (New) The method of Claim 17, wherein the pivotable joint is rotated with a wrap hinge.

19. (New) The method of Claim 15, wherein the tire hanger has an elongated middle section to extend the position of the hook from the horizontal member.



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20. (New) A method to use a tire hanger with a vehicle hoist to support a vehicle tire, the vehicle hoist including a horizontal support member, the tire hanger having a first end, a middle section with a pivotable joint, and a second end with a hook, the method comprising:

a means for securing the first end to the horizontal member;

a means for pivoting and locking the middle section until the hook is disposed upwards;

moving the tire hanger along the horizontal member until the hook is adjacent to the mounted tire;

removing the mounted tire from the vehicle, and

positioning the tire to engage the hook through the axel hole of the tire,

whereby the hook holds the vehicle tire at approximately the same height as the axel of the vehicle.

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